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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN REQUEST FOR USE OF ERP FUNDS FOR INTEREST
SUBSIDIES

REF: A) STATE 95075; B) VIENNA 3085

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF (A), EMBOFFS HAVE QUIETLY
DISCOURAGED GOA OFFICIALS ON ERP GRANT PROPOSITION AND
ENCOURAGED THEM TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO DEAL WITH
INTEREST SUBSIDY. FOLLOWING SCENARIO OUTLINED REFTELS,
WE HAVE INFORMED KEY OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
AND FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, INCLUDING CHANCELLOR'S CHEF DE
CABINET THAT WASHINGTON WAS NOT FAVORABLY DISPOSED
TO GRANT PROPOSITION. WE HAVE QUIETLY AGREED WITH
THESE OFFICIALS THAT CHANCELLOR'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR
WOULD SIMPLY REMAIN UNANSWERED.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNS TODAY,
STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY SAID THAT HE HAD BRIEFED
CHANCELLOR ON FOREGOING. VESELSKY SAID HE PREFERRED
A "NO-ANSWER SITUATION" WITH REGARD TO REQUEST MADE
IN CHANCELLOR'S LETTER AND INDICATED THAT CHANCELLOR
WAS IN ACCORD. VESELSKY CONTINUED THAT THEY HAD
WORKED OUT AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION FOR MEETING
SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE WITHIN TERMS OF ERP AGREEMENT. BUCHANAN
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